

# *Your cruise into the heart of the Swiss Alps*

ON LAKE LUCERNE

..... Rigi Kulm 1798 m



..... Pilatus 2120 m

..... Bürgenstock 1128 m

..... Fronalpstock 1922 m

..... Klewenalp 1600 m

..... Stanserhorn 1898 m



— LAKE —  
+ LUCERNE





#### PLACES TO VISIT

- Swiss Museum of Transport
- Glasi Hergiswil (Glass Factory)
- Wilhelm Tell Museum
- Goldau Nature Park and Zoo
- Uri's Crystal Museum

#### HISTORIC SITES

- 1** Rütli Meadow
- 2** Tell's Chapel (Tell's slab)
- 3** Meggenhorn Castle
- 4** Wilhelm Tell Monument

#### HIKING PATHS

- Waldstätterweg
- The Swiss Path



#### Walking around Lake Lucerne

Experience our beautiful Alpine region and its rich history by walking around Lake Lucerne at your own pace. The «Waldstätterweg» will take you past significant landmarks and allow you to enjoy views from beautiful vantage points. The popular «Weg der Schweiz» (Swiss Path) offers stunning walks along the banks of Lake Uri, including the Rütli Meadow or Tell's Chapel.





# Discover Lake Lucerne by boat!

**WELCOME ABOARD!** Just a few moments ago, you commenced a wonderful journey of discovery on our beautiful boat. Relax and enjoy the superb scenery of Central Switzerland as you pass historic sites and towering peaks. You may alight from our vessel at any pier and later continue your onward journey at leisure. Our crew is here to provide you with additional timetable information.

## 📍 Lucerne

Historic buildings and century-old landmarks like the Chapel Bridge, the Lion Monument or the medieval city ramparts wait to be discovered on foot. Enjoy the contrast of old and new Lucerne, with such contemporary buildings as the KKL framing the waterfront. Countless shops and refined restaurants lend to the city's exciting vibe.

## 🚢 Lucerne – Weggis

As soon as you have set sail from the city, you will find yourself surrounded by magnificent mountains and breathtaking views. On a warm day, the ambiance is quite Mediterranean. Let the tranquility of the lake enchant you, as you gently glide over the water, passing the picturesque shoreline.

## 📍 Weggis

Weggis is a popular summer resort, known for its mild climate, lush gardens and majestic chestnut trees. In 1897, the well-known American writer Mark Twain lived in Weggis for several months. He thought very highly of the town, describing it with the following words: «This is the most charming place we have ever lived in for repose and restfulness».

## 🚢 Weggis – Vitznau

To the left you will notice Mount Rigi. From the summit at 1,800 m you can see all of Central Switzerland as well as Southern Germany. You may reach the top either by aerial cableway from Weggis or by rack railway from Vitznau. To the right you will notice the impressive Bürgenstock, with its steep cliffs, the unique Hammetschwand elevator and the glamorous hotels of the Bürgenstock Resort.

## 📍 Vitznau

In 1871, Europe's first rack railway opened, leading from Vitznau to Rigi Kulm. With some luck, you just might see one of the two operational steam locomotives standing on the turntable at Vitznau station.

## 🚢 Vitznau – Beckenried – Gersau

Between these ports of call, you will pass through the narrowest point of Lake Lucerne, known as the «Nas». Here the foothills of Mount Rigi and the Bürgenstock create a tight frame. Other magnificent mountains that will now come into your sight are the Stanserhorn, the Buochserhorn and Brisen, with the hiking and skiing paradise Klewenalp/Stockhütte. From Beckenried to Gersau, the lake is at its widest (3.3 km), while also at its deepest (214 m). The full length from Lucerne to Flüelen measures 38 km, while the whole lake has a footprint of 114 km<sup>2</sup>.

## 📍 Gersau

From 1390 to 1816 Gersau was an independent republic. In 1817, the Congress of Vienna allocated it to Canton Schwyz. The proud locals still cherish their autonomous history though.

## 📍 Treib

Before arriving at the quaint pier of Treib, you will notice the pretty peaks of Oberbauen and Niederbauen. In Treib, the wooden boat house is famous for its black and yellow window shutters in the heraldic colors of Canton Uri. The building can trace its origins to 1282 and takes an important place in Swiss history.

## 📍 Brunnen

On to Brunnen then! This pretty resort town is dwarfed by the two Mythen mountains, which tower at 1,811 m and 1,898 m respectively. With a year-round population of 9,000, Brunnen is one of the largest towns along Lake Lucerne.

## 📍 Rütli

On the sail from Brunnen to the mythic Rütli meadow, you will notice the 30 m high Schillerstein. This jagged rock has an inscription that is dedicated to the German poet Friedrich Schiller (the author of «Wilhelm Tell»). The natural monument was inscribed in 1859, 100 years after the bard's birthday. The Rütli meadow is known as the cradle of Switzerland and it is here that in 1291 the Swiss Confederation was established as an alliance between the three cantons of Uri, Schwyz and Unterwalden.

## 🚢 Urnersee

At Tellsplatte you will notice the little chapel dedicated to Wilhelm Tell, the Swiss national hero. According to the legend, it was at this site that Tell escaped from the clutches of the tyrant Gessler and secured his freedom. On the other side of the lake, we will pass through Bauen, the smallest village in Canton Uri. Until 1956, Bauen was actually without any road access.

## 📍 Flüelen

In Flüelen you will notice how the River Reuss flows into the lake. The strong current prevents the lake from freezing over in winter. Flüelen boasts an excellent boat-to-train interchange and lies on the major Gotthard north-south route. In 2016, the new Gotthard Base Tunnel has opened for railway traffic. With a length of 57 km, this is now the longest train tunnel in the world.

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